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THE PATH OF TRUE LOVE IS SELDOM SMOOTH! BUT I, MARY KENT, LEARNED TO MY HEART'S REGRET THAT ONE MISTAKE IN ROMANCE CAN LEAD TO

"SCANDAL IN SCARSDALE!"

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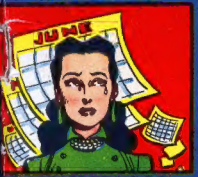
"LOVER COME BACK!"

"THE VOW THAT WAS BROKEN!"



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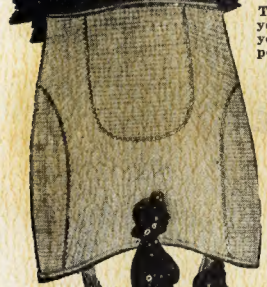

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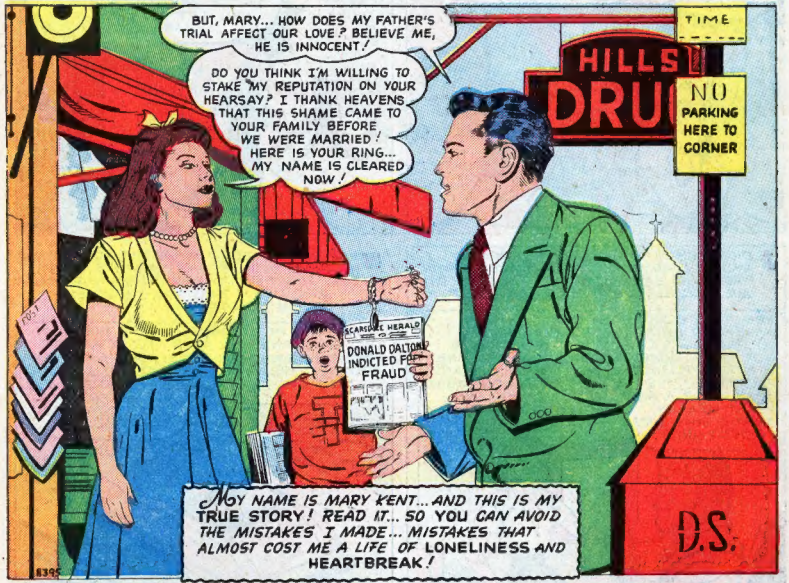
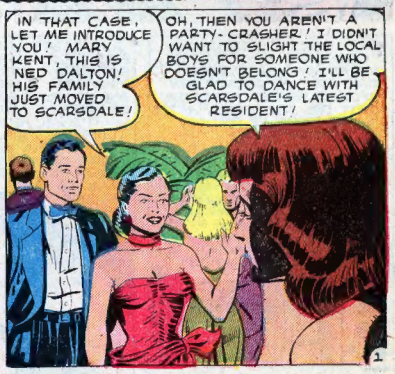
IF ONE THING COUNTED ABOVE ALL ELSE IN MY LIFE, IT WAS MY REPUTATION! **NOTHING** COULD SOIL THE NAME I HAD SO PAINFULLY CREATED FOR MYSELF! BUT WHEN SHAME AND GUILT FELL UPON MY FIANCÉS FAMILY, I FELT THE UGLY SHADOW FALLING UPON ME ALSO... AND HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN NED DALTON'S LOVE, OR SUFFERING THE HUMILIATION OF...

SCANDAL IN SCARSDALE!


BUT, MARY... HOW DOES MY FATHER'S TRIAL AFFECT OUR LOVE? BELIEVE ME, HE IS INNOCENT!
DO YOU THINK I'M WILLING TO STAKE MY REPUTATION ON YOUR HEARSAY? I THANK HEAVENS THAT THIS SHAME CAME TO YOUR FAMILY BEFORE WE WERE MARRIED! HERE IS YOUR RING... MY NAME IS CLEARED NOW!
TIME
HILLS
DRU
NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER
SCARSDALE HERALD
DONALD DALTON INDICTED FOR FRAUD
D.S.
MY NAME IS MARY KENT... AND THIS IS MY TRUE STORY! READ IT... SO YOU CAN AVOID THE MISTAKES I MADE... MISTAKES THAT ALMOST COST ME A LIFE OF LONELINESS AND HEARTBREAK!

"SCARSDALE IS A SMALL COMMUNITY, WE ALL KNEW ONE ANOTHER, AND THAT'S WHY I ALWAYS TOOK PAINS TO KEEP MY NAME UNBLEMISHED! WHEN THE COUNTRY CLUB GAVE ITS SUMMER DANCE, STRANGERS WEREN'T WELCOME AND I TURNED AWAY THE HANDSOME OUTSIDER..."
I'M NED DALTON, AND I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D CARE TO DANCE, MISS...
NO, THANK YOU! I'VE PROMISED TO DANCE WITH SOME MEN I'VE BEEN **INTRODUCED TO!**


IN THAT CASE, LET ME INTRODUCE YOU! MARY KENT, THIS IS NED DALTON! HIS FAMILY JUST MOVED TO SCARSDALE!
OH, THEN YOU AREN'T A PARTY-CRASHER! I DIDN'T WANT TO SLIGHT THE LOCAL BOYS FOR SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T BELONG! I'LL BE GLAD TO DANCE WITH SCARSDALE'S LATEST RESIDENT!

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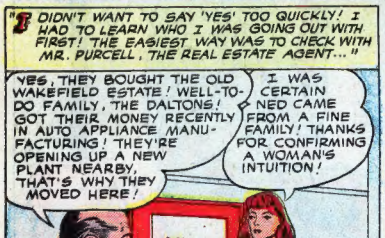
I HOPE I DIDN'T SEEM AGGRESSIVE! I WANTED MY FIRST DANCE TO BE WITH THE PRETTIEST GIRL IN THE ROOM— SO I ASKED YOU!
THANKS! IT'S JUST THAT WE LIVE IN A SMALL TOWN AND I DIDN'T WANT TO START TONGUES WAGGING BY DANCING WITH SOMEONE I THOUGHT WAS UNINVITED! ONCE SCARSDALE ACCEPTS YOU, YOU'LL FIND US PRETTY NICE!

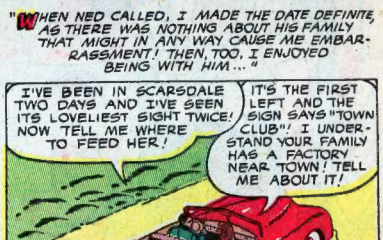
"I DON'T KNOW WHETHER SCARSDALE TOOK NED TO ITS HEART, BUT HE QUICKLY CAPTURED MINE! I DANCED WITH NO ONE ELSE THAT NIGHT, AND NED WALKED ME HOME..."

MAY I CALL ON YOU TOMORROW NIGHT? HOW ABOUT DINNER, BUT YOU SUGGEST THE PLACE!
TWO NIGHTS IN A ROW? WHAT WILL MY PEOPLE SAY? MAYBE WE'D BETTER MAKE IT TENTATIVE! GIVE ME A CALL IN THE AFTERNOON AND I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF I CAN MAKE IT!

"I DIDN'T WANT TO SAY 'YES' TOO QUICKLY! I HAD TO LEARN WHO I WAS GOING OUT WITH FIRST! THE EASIEST WAY WAS TO CHECK WITH MR. PURCELL, THE REAL ESTATE AGENT..."


YES, THEY BOUGHT THE OLD WAKEFIELD ESTATE! WELL-TO-DO FAMILY, THE DALTONS! GOT THEIR MONEY RECENTLY IN AUTO APPLIANCE MANUFACTURING! THEY'RE OPENING UP A NEW PLANT NEARBY, THAT'S WHY THEY MOVED HERE!
I WAS CERTAIN NED CAME FROM A FINE FAMILY! THANKS FOR CONFIRMING A WOMAN'S INTUITION!

"WHEN NED CALLED, I MADE THE DATE DEFINITE, AS THERE WAS NOTHING ABOUT HIS FAMILY THAT MIGHT IN ANY WAY CAUSE ME EMBARRASSMENT! THEN, TOO, I ENJOYED BEING WITH HIM..."


I'VE BEEN IN SCARSDALE TWO DAYS AND I'VE SEEN ITS LOVELIEST SIGHT TWICE! NOW TELL ME WHERE TO FEED HER!
IT'S THE FIRST LEFT AND THE SIGN SAYS "TOWN CLUB"! I UNDERSTAND YOUR FAMILY HAS A FACTORY NEAR TOWN! TELL ME ABOUT IT!

"THE LITTLE NED TOLD ME ONLY CONFIRMED MY OPINION OF HIS FAMILY'S GOOD NAME! TIME WENT BY QUICKLY WITH NED, BUT WE MET AGAIN THE NEXT DAY FOR TENNIS! AFTER THE GAME, I WALKED BACK ALONE..."

HI, MARY! HOW'S NED'S GAME? DID HE LOSE THE FIRST TIME LIKE A GENTLEMAN SHOULD?
NO, HE BEAT ME ROYALLY, BUT HE IS A GENTLEMAN! HIS FAMILY HAS A FINE BUSINESS AND SOCIAL REPUTATION!

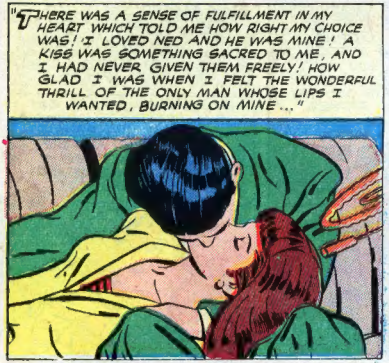
WHO CARES ABOUT HIS FATHER'S FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL RATING? WHAT'S HE LIKE? THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN HIS FAMILY'S HISTORY!
NOT TO ME! THE FAMILY FASHIONS THE CHILD! NED WOULDN'T BE SUCH A FINE AND INTERESTING COMPANION IF HIS FATHER HAD A BAD REPUTATION OR WAS A SHADY BUSINESS MAN!

"THE GIRLS DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, BUT I KNEW I WAS RIGHT! I SAW NED OFTEN AFTER THAT, AND EACH TIME WE GREW CLOSER! FRIENDSHIP TURNED TO ADMIRATION, AND ADMIRATION SEEMED TO HINT OF COMING LOVE..."

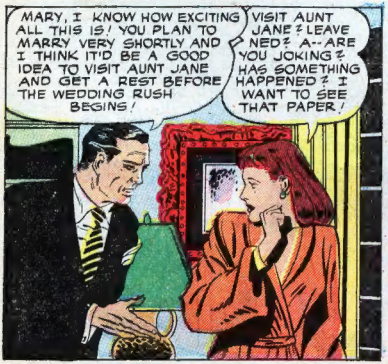
IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO MAKE ME CONTENT! I ONCE IMAGINED IT WOULD HAVE TO BE THE BEST TABLE AT THE SWANKIEST CLUB AND WITH THE MOST FABULOUS ACTRESS! I'LL SWAP THE MOON FOR THE CLUB AND THAT ACTRESS FOR YOU!
I HOPE YOU WON'T REGRET COMPROMISING!

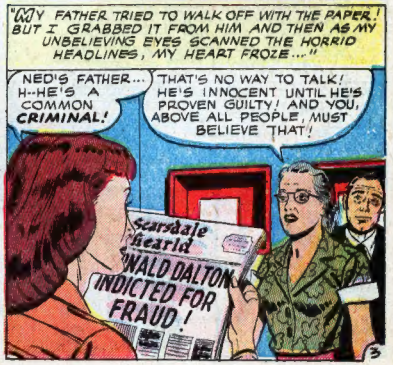
JUST TO KEEP ME FROM EVER CHANGING MY MIND... HOW ABOUT GIVING YOU THIS AS SECURITY?
A DIAMOND ENGAGEMENT RING!... OH, NED, I--I'M SPEECHLESS!

YOU ONLY HAVE TO SAY ONE WORD... YES! I LOVE YOU MARY, AND I WANT YOU TO BE MY WIFE!
YES, NED! WITH ALL MY HEART, YES!


"THERE WAS A SENSE OF FULFILLMENT IN MY HEART WHICH TOLD ME HOW RIGHT MY CHOICE WAS! I LOVED NED AND HE WAS MINE! A KISS WAS SOMETHING SACRED TO ME, AND I HAD NEVER GIVEN THEM FREELY! HOW GLAD I WAS WHEN I FELT THE WONDERFUL THRILL OF THE ONLY MAN WHOSE LIPS I WANTED, BURNING ON MINE..."

"THE WORLD GLOWED WITH HAPPINESS, ECSTASY WAS IN MY HEART! I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE MY LUCK AND WAITED TO SEE IT IN PRINT IN THE PAPER THE MORNING AFTER WE BROKE THE NEWS..."
'MORNING! DID THE PAPER COME? THEY DIDN'T FORGET OUR ANNOUNCEMENT, DID THEY... DAD, ARE YOU TRYING TO HIDE THE PAPER?
DON'T BE SILLY, MARY! TH-THAT'S YESTERDAY'S PAPER! TODAY'S HASN'T COME YET!


MARY, I KNOW HOW EXCITING ALL THIS IS! YOU PLAN TO MARRY VERY SHORTLY AND I THINK IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA TO VISIT AUNT JANE AND GET A REST BEFORE THE WEDDING RUSH BEGINS!
VISIT AUNT JANE? LEAVE NED? A--ARE YOU JOKING? HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED? I WANT TO SEE THAT PAPER!


"MY FATHER TRIED TO WALK OFF WITH THE PAPER! BUT I GRABBED IT FROM HIM AND THEN AS MY UNBELIEVING EYES SCANNED THE HORRID HEADLINES, MY HEART FROZE..."
NED'S FATHER... H--HE'S A COMMON CRIMINAL!
THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK! HE'S INNOCENT UNTIL HE'S PROVEN GUILTY! AND YOU, ABOVE ALL PEOPLE, MUST BELIEVE THAT!
Scarsdale Herald
WALD DALTON INDICTED FOR FRAUD!

"WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S FIRE! AND I HAD NO INTENTION OF GETTING BURNED IN THE FLAME OF SCANDAL BY BEING ATTACHED TO NED OR HIS FAMILY! I SET OUT AT ONCE FOR HIS HOME..."
YOU'RE GOING TO NED, AREN'T YOU? YOU MUST LET HIM KNOW THIS AFFAIR DOESN'T MATTER!
WHAT I'LL TELL NED IS PRIVATE!
EVEN ASSUMING THE WORST--HIS FATHER'S GUILT, WOULDN'T INVOLVE HIM! NOT IF YOU TRULY LOVE HIM, MARY!
"I TURNED QUICKLY FROM THE GIRLS AND WENT ON..."
NED, I READ OF THE HORRIBLE NEWS AND I CAME TO TELL YOU...
MARY DARLING, I UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE IT! YOU KNEW I NEEDED THE COMFORTING SECURITY OF YOUR FAITH AND YOU CAME! BELIEVE ME, THIS CASE IS INVOLVED, BUT ONE THING WILL BE PROVEN--MY FATHER'S INNOCENCE!
THEY DON'T BRING INDICTMENTS AGAINST INNOCENT MEN, NED! I'M AFRAID YOU'VE MISUNDERSTOOD MY COMING! I CAME TO TELL YOU...
EXCUSE ME! I'VE COME TO SERVE A SUBPOENA ON MR. DONALD DALTON AND WOULD YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO WITNESS IT, MISS?
I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS CASE OR THIS FAMILY! I'D LIKE YOU TO WITNESS THIS--I'M GIVING HIM BACK HIS RING THERE'LL BE NO SCANDAL IN MY LIFE!
MARY, STOP! YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A FOOL! YOU MUST HAVE FAITH IN ME--MY FATHER IS NOT GUILTY!
"DAYS PASSED! YES, I HAD ABSOLVED MYSELF FROM ALL POSSIBLE SCANDAL THAT NED'S FAMILY MIGHT HAVE INVOLVED ME IN, BUT I HAD ALSO CUT MYSELF OFF FROM NED--AND LOVE..."
NED'S FATHER TRIED TO GET MARVIN FREEDLY TO HANDLE THE CASE AND FAILED! HE'S A FAMILY FRIEND AND THE BEST LAWYER IN TOWN! I GUESS NED KNOWS IT AND MUST BE DEPRESSED!
"WITH FREEDLY OUT OF THE PICTURE, NED'S FATHER FACED A TOUGH COURT FIGHT! I FELT SORRY FOR NED AND SUDDENLY REALIZED MY ABSENT-MINDED WALK HAD TAKEN ME TO HIS HOME..."
NED, I READ ABOUT FREEDLY AND I WAS WONDERING...
I KNOW JUST WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, MARY! IF HE WON'T TAKE THE CASE MY FATHER MUST BE GUILTY! IT SO HAPPENS THAT HE HAS A FULL CALENDAR AND CAN'T TAKE IT!
NO, NED, YOU'RE WRONG! I WAS ONLY THINKING HOW AWFUL THIS ALL MUST BE FOR YOU!
THANKS FOR THE BELATED SYMPATHY! I GUESS IT'S EASIER TO FEEL SYMPATHY FOR A "STRANGER" THAN FOR SOMEONE WHO MIGHT GET YOU PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN FAMILY TROUBLES! I THOUGHT YOU LOVED ME... BUT LOVE'S BUILT ON FAITH... AND YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAID MY FATHER WAS INNOCENT!

"THE DOOR CLOSED...NED WAS GONE! A PANG OF BITTER LONGING SHOT THROUGH MY HEART! HIS WORDS WERE TRUE ...IF I TRULY LOVED HIM, I WOULD HAVE TRUSTED IN HIM AND STOOD BESIDE HIM..."

BUT I DO LOVE NED! I KNOW HIS LOVE MEANS EVERTHING TO ME! I MUST BELIEVE HIM AND PROVE I BELIEVE IN HIS FATHER'S INNOCENCE! THERE IS A WAY I CAN DO IT!

"MARVIN FREEDLY HAD KNOW ME ALL MY LIFE, BUT I STILL COULDN'T LOOK UP AT HIM IN THAT MOMENT OF SHAMEFUL SELF-HUMILIATION WHEN I HAD TO EXPLAIN TO HIM MY THOUGHTLESS ACT AND MY NEED FOR HIM..."

MARY, I WOULDN'T TAKE THE CASE UNLESS I WAS CERTAIN OF THE MAN'S INNOCENCE AND I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO EXAMINE THE FACTS!

I WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO YOU UNLESS I BELIEVED HE IS INNOCENT! I LOVE NED AND IF MY LOVE IS GOOD AND TRUE THEN HIS WORD MUST BE TRUE, TOO!

YOU WANT ME TO TAKE THE CASE BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR FORMER FIANCÉ'S WORD?

NO MAN WHO RAISED SUCH AN UPRIGHT AND HONEST SON AS NED COULD HAVE COMMITTED FRAUD! I COULDN'T LOVE EVIL IN ANY MAN! AS I LOVE NED, I KNOW HIS FATHER CAN'T BE GUILTY! HE NEEDS A GOOD LAWYER... YOU MUST TAKE THE CASE!

"MR. FREEDLY SAW THE FAITH IN MY EYES AND TOOK THE CASE! A MONTH LATER THE TRIAL WAS HELD! DURING THAT WHOLE SLOW-PASSING MONTH I NEVER SAW OR SPOKE TO NED, BUT MY THOUGHTS WERE ALWAYS WITH HIM! I DIDN'T DARE GO TO COURT, I WAITED HOME AND TREMBLINGLY OPENED THE PAPER..."

INNOCENT! HOW WONDERFUL NED MUST FEEL NOW! IF I HAD ONLY STAYED WITH HIM FROM THE BEGINNING! IF I HAD ONLY HAD FAITH FROM THE START... WE COULD HAVE SHARED THIS MOMENT!

Scarsdale Fearld
DALTON CLEARED

"I ANSWERED THE DOOR; AND A SMILING, TRIUMPHANT LAWYER ENTERED..."

YOU WON! THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE CASE!

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME BY YOUR TRUST IN NED, THAT I SHOULD TAKE THE CASE! I'VE COME ON BUSINESS, MARY! I HAVE ANOTHER CASE TO PLEAD, BUT MAYBE MY CLIENT CAN DO A BETTER JOB...

MARY! MR. FREEDLY TOLD ME HOW YOU BEGGED HIM TO REPRESENT DAD! HE TOLD ME YOU DID BELIEVE ME!

I WAS A FOOL NOT TO HAVE BELIEVED YOU FROM THE FIRST! MY REPUTATION WAS ALL THAT WORRIED ME THEN! HOW MUCH MORE VALUABLE WAS THE LOVE I HAD KNOWN WITH YOU! WHEN YOUR LOVE IS TRUE, NOTHING CAN BLEMISH YOUR GOOD NAME!

DARLING, LET'S BURY THE MEMORY OF THOSE BITTER WEEKS FOREVER! I LOVE YOU AND THAT'S ALL THAT COUNTS! I HAVE A RING I'VE BEEN SAVING FOR A MOMENT LIKE THIS!

YOU'LL NEVER GET IT BACK AGAIN, NED! I WANT YOU FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

"YES, TONGUES WAG IN A SMALL TOWN, BUT IF YOU SPEND YOUR LIFE IN DREAD OF THEM... YOU MAY LET LOVE PASS BY! THEN, TOO, THEIR WORDS MAY BE KIND AND FRIENDLY, AS THEY ARE WHEN THEY MENTION OUR HAPPY MARRIAGE!"

The End

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LOVE IS NO DREAM

I DON'T know when I first realized that I was in love with Jeff Adams, because it seems as if I'd known and loved Jeff all of my life. He pulled my pigtails, threw snowballs at me, and teased me about my first party dress. And still I thought Jeff was the most wonderful man alive. Now that we had become engaged to be married, it seemed as if all my prayers had been answered.

All my prayers had been answered, until Judy Houston returned from Europe and decided to stay for the summer. We never saw much of Judy because she was either abroad or away at school. When she was in town, we'd only catch glimpses of her in her convertible, dashing around town and paying little attention to the rest of us. Personally I had nothing against Judy; she was spoiled, but then who wouldn't be with a father who owned a steel mill? I guess too much money leaves a definite distortion on anyone's values.

It was on a Sunday morning that I discovered that Jeff and Judy had bumped into each other on the street and were now on the road to a binding friendship. I had stopped by to give Peggy Adams, Jeff's sister, a pattern I had promised her. Peggy and I had grown up together and had been the best of friends throughout our school days.

"Where's Jeff?" I asked. "I thought he was going to sleep late this morning."

"He's up and out," Peggy said hesitantly. "Didn't you know he was playing tennis this morning with Judy Houston?"

"No, he didn't mention it," I said with a forced smile. "I guess it slipped his mind!"

"Slipped his mind?" she repeated. "I thought you two were engaged!"

"Don't worry so much, Peg," I assured her. "Jeff will tell me. You know I can't play a good game of tennis, and if Judy can, well—that's fine. I'm not worried."

I tried to laugh the whole situation off, but Peg was not convinced and, frankly, neither was I. After all, Judy had beauty, brains, and breeding, and I knew Jeff had an eye for all three.

Peg had never approved of my going with Jeff, and even though she was his younger sister, she made no bones about her opinions. She had often told me that any girl was a fool to fall in love with Jeff, and she hated to see me fall into that class. I could never take Peg's warning too seriously; I was so wrapped up in Jeff that nobody else existed for me.

It was late that evening when Jeff finally telephoned to say that he was too tired to go out that evening as we had planned. He told me that he had played tennis all afternoon with Judy at the Houston tennis courts. There was not a note of apology in his voice and I, like a fool, told him it was all right to break the date. It had always been like that. Jeff was infallible. He never bothered to apologize for broken dates, or being hours late, or flirting with other women.

I knew no other woman would stand for the way Jeff treated me, but I still loved him. He was my first love and my last, I thought. Twisting Jeff's engagement ring around my finger gave me the assurance that he was mine. After we were married, I knew he'd change—perhaps he'd grow to love me as much as I loved him.

Jeff played tennis frequently with Judy, but he always told me about it, and I was determined not to be jealous.

"The Houstons have invited me to dinner tomorrow," he told me one evening after we had come home from a late movie.

"Are you going?" I asked.

"I couldn't miss this," he answered, as if I had asked a stupid question. "Think what it means for a young lawyer to have a contact like Hoover Houston."

"It's wonderful, Jeff," I said. "But, well, tomorrow is Dad's birthday party, and we've planned on your being there."

"Look, darling," he said as he took me in his arms, "we are playing for big stakes now. Judy Houston has taken a fancy to me, and I'm not going to discourage it. I don't want to stick in a crummy law office all my life. There's politics you know, and Hoover Houston is the man to know!"

Jeff was right, I told myself. Hoover Houston was a powerful man to have pulling on your side, but I couldn't understand why I couldn't be included in the game of intrigue. I was his fiancée, and my father held a responsible position in the community as a judge and head of the school board. Why couldn't he bring me to dinner too? When I asked him about this, he became irritated and snapped at me.

"Don't you see?" he asked. "Judy is interested in my future. I've got to play up to her as well as to her father. And, anyway, she doesn't know that we are engaged."

"But, Jeff, everyone in town knows!" I said in surprise.

"What does Judy know of the town's gossip" Jeff said. "What does a town like Cum-

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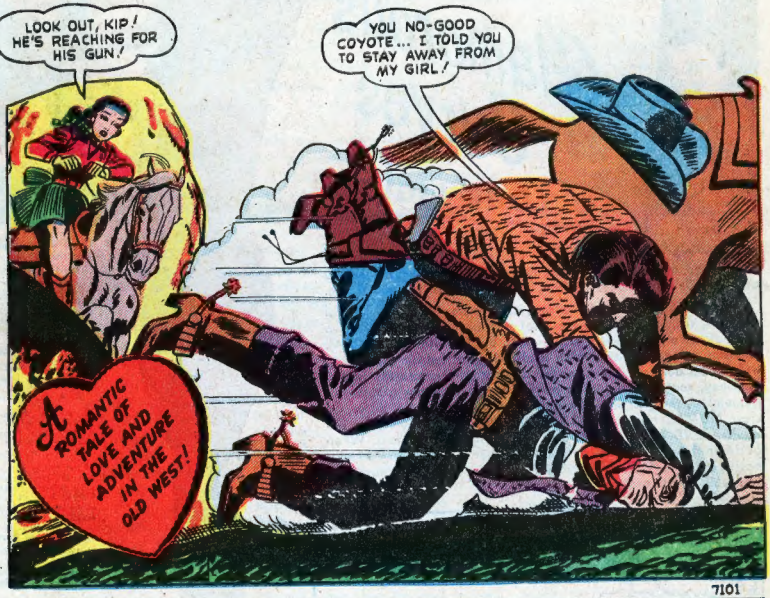
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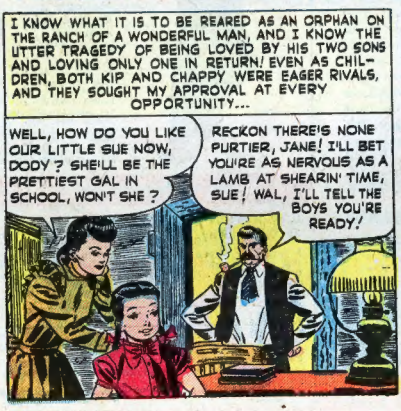
I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE REARED AS AN ORPHAN ON THE RANCH OF A WONDERFUL MAN, AND I KNOW THE UTTER TRAGEDY OF BEING LOVED BY HIS TWO SONS AND LOVING ONLY ONE IN RETURN! EVEN AS CHILDREN, BOTH KIP AND CHAPPY WERE EAGER RIVALS, AND THEY SOUGHT MY APPROVAL AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY...
WELL, HOW DO YOU LIKE OUR LITTLE SUE NOW, DODY? SHE'LL BE THE PRETTIEST GAL IN SCHOOL, WON'T SHE?
RECKON THERE'S NONE PURTIER, JANE! I'LL BET YOU'RE AS NERVOUS AS A LAMB AT SHEARIN' TIME, SUE! WAL, I'LL TELL THE BOYS YOU'RE READY!

HEY, THAR! KIP... CHAPPY! COME A-RUNNIN', BOYS -- SUE'S READY FOR SCHOOL AN' YOU'RE GONNA RIDE HERD ON HER TILL SHE GETS THAR!
WE'RE COMIN', DAD!
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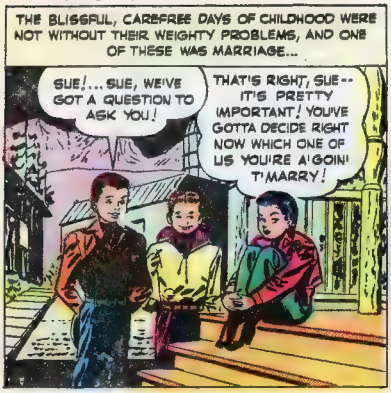
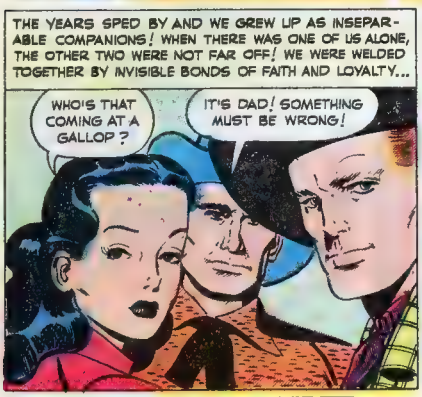
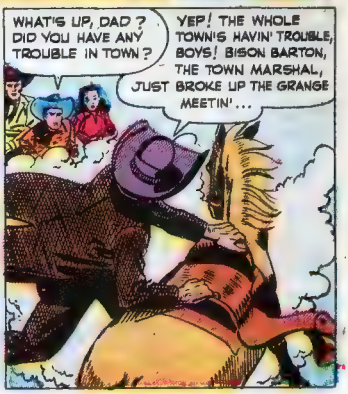
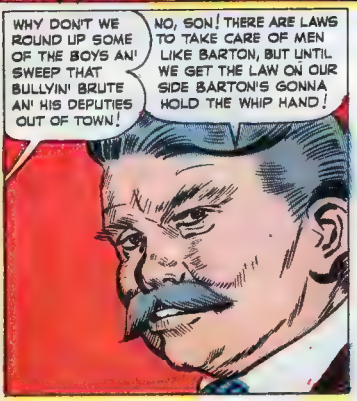
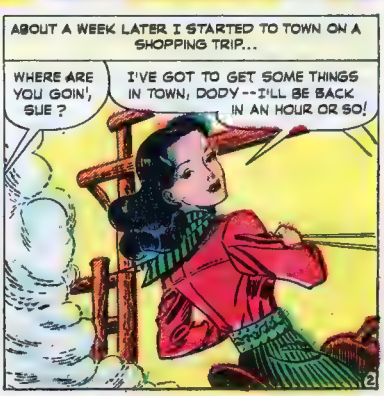

THE BLISSFUL, CAREFREE DAYS OF CHILDHOOD WERE NOT WITHOUT THEIR WEIGHTY PROBLEMS, AND ONE OF THESE WAS MARRIAGE...
SUE!... SUE, WE'VE GOT A QUESTION TO ASK YOU!
THAT'S RIGHT, SUE--IT'S PRETTY IMPORTANT! YOU'VE GOTTA DECIDE RIGHT NOW WHICH ONE OF US YOU'RE A'GOIN' T'MARRY!

I'M GOING TO MARRY BOTH OF YOU-- SO STOP THIS SILLY FUSSIN'!
GEE! THAT'S SWELL, SUE!
NOW DON'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE, SUE!

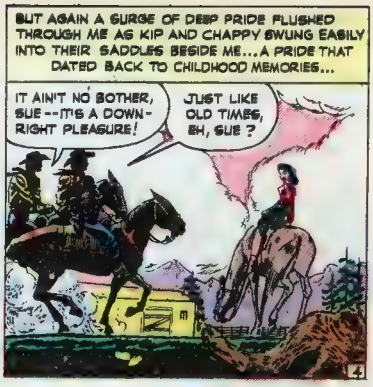

THE YEARS SPED BY AND WE GREW UP AS INSEPARABLE COMPANIONS! WHEN THERE WAS ONE OF US ALONE, THE OTHER TWO WERE NOT FAR OFF! WE WERE WELDED TOGETHER BY INVISIBLE BONDS OF FAITH AND LOYALTY...
WHO'S THAT COMING AT A GALLOP?
IT'S DAD! SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG!


WHAT'S UP, DAD? DID YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLE IN TOWN?
YEP! THE WHOLE TOWN'S HAVIN' TROUBLE, BOYS! BISON BARTON, THE TOWN MARSHAL, JUST BROKE UP THE GRANGE MEETIN'...


WHY DON'T WE ROUND UP SOME OF THE BOYS AN' SWEEP THAT BULLYIN' BRUTE AN' HIS DEPUTIES OUT OF TOWN!
NO, SON! THERE ARE LAWS TO TAKE CARE OF MEN LIKE BARTON, BUT UNTIL WE GET THE LAW ON OUR SIDE BARTON'S GONNA HOLD THE WHIP HAND!


ABOUT A WEEK LATER I STARTED TO TOWN ON A SHOPPING TRIP...
WHERE ARE YOU GOIN', SUE?
I'VE GOT TO GET SOME THINGS IN TOWN, DODY--I'LL BE BACK IN AN HOUR OR SO!

SUE, I DON'T WANT YOU GOIN' TO TOWN ALONE! LET KIP AND CHAPPY RIDE WITH YOU--THEY'RE COMIN' ALONG RIGHT NOW!
GEE, DODY, I DIDN'T WANT TO BOTHER THEM! THEY'VE BEEN SO BUSY, WITH ROUND-UP TIME JUST AROUND THE CORNER!


BUT AGAIN A SURGE OF DEEP PRIDE FLUSHED THROUGH ME AS KIP AND CHAPPY SWUNG EASILY INTO THEIR SADDLES BESIDE ME...A PRIDE THAT DATED BACK TO CHILDHOOD MEMORIES...
IT AIN'T NO BOTHER, SUE--IT'S A DOWN-RIGHT PLEASURE!
JUST LIKE OLD TIMES, EH, SUE?
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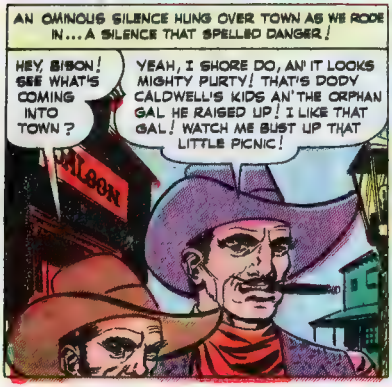
AN OMINOUS SILENCE HUNG OVER TOWN AS WE RODE IN...A SILENCE THAT SPELLED DANGER!
HEY, BISON! SEE WHAT'S COMING INTO TOWN?
YEAH, I SHORE DO, AN' IT LOOKS MIGHTY PURTY! THAT'S DODY CALDWELL'S KIDS AN' THE ORPHAN GAL HE RAISED UP! I LIKE THAT GAL! WATCH ME BUST UP THAT LITTLE PICNIC!
SALOON

IT'S BARTON--HE'S TRYING TO PANIC OUR HOSSES!
HANG ON, SUE! HANG ON AND REIN HIM IN HARD!
BANG! BANG!

HANG ON, LADY--I'LL GET THAT ORNERY HOSS OF YORE'N!
KIP!...CHAPPY! HELP!

NO NEED TO BE A'FEARED, LADY--I GOT THIS CRITTER UNDER CONTROL!
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MY HEART POUNDED IN TERROR AS I WATCHED THE TENSION GROW AND SUDDENLY BURST INTO VIOLENCE...

YOU PULLED THAT YELLOW TRICK ON PURPOSE, YOU SKUNK!

WATCH YOUR STEP, KIP! HERE COMES BISON'S DEPUTIES!

I SHUDDERED INWARDLY AS I REALIZED THE ENTIRE THING HAD BEEN PLANNED TO IMPRESS ME! KIP AND CHAPPY FELT IT TOO...

WE'VE START'ED SOMETHIN', KIP AN' WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO FINISH IT!

RECKON YOU'RE RIGHT, CHAPPY! THAT PLAY WAS STAGED FOR YOUR BENEFIT, SUE--I'M AFRAID BARTON HAS HIS EVIL EYE ON YOU!

WHAT A GHASTLY THOUGHT! OH, LET'S GO HOME, BOYS!

BUT THE UGLY INCIDENT WAS FORGOTTEN AS MY TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY APPROACHED, AND WITH IT THE MOMENT I HAD BEEN WAITING FOR FOR YEARS!

SUE, I BROUGHT YOU OUT HERE FOR A SPECIAL REASON --A DOUBLE REASON! FIRST, I WANT TO WISH YOU THE BEST FOR YOUR COMING BIRTHDAY!

THANKS, KIP, AND I KNOW YOU REALLY MEAN IT! NOW WHAT'S THE OTHER REASON?

SUE, I LOVE YOU...DEEPLY! I'VE LOVED YOU EVER SINCE WE'VE BEEN KIDS! IT WOULD BE AN EASY THING TO ASK FOR YOUR HAND IN MARRIAGE, BUT IT'S TOUGH BECAUSE I KNOW CHAPPY LOVES YOU, TOO!

I APPRECIATE YOUR FRANKNESS, KIP! YOU MAY AS WELL KNOW THE TRUTH--CHAPPY PROPOSED TO ME YESTERDAY!

I LOOKED UP INTO HIS SWEET FACE AND REALIZED THAT KIP HAD STOLEN MY HEART MANY YEARS AGO! I SENSED THE STRAIN HE WAS UNDER AND GROPED FOR WORDS TO EASE HIS CONSCIENCE!

KIP DARLING, A WOMAN CAN LOVE TWO MEN IN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT WAYS! I LOVE CHAPPY, BUT IT ISN'T THE SAME--IT'S YOU I WANT FOR MY HUSBAND, SWEETHEART!

OHH, SUE...SUE DARLING! I'M THE HAPPIEST GUY IN THE WORLD!

SUDDENLY HIS ARMS WERE ABOUT ME, CRUSHING ME IN A FIERCE, HUNGRY EMBRACE WHILE HIS LIPS SHOWERED ME WITH KISSES...

A HAPPY TINGLE THRILLED THROUGH MY BODY AS WE ROSE, BUT I REALIZED THAT THE GREATEST PROBLEM STILL LAY AHEAD... THE PROBLEM OF TELLING CHAPPY...

SUE, I KNOW WHAT AN AWFULLY DIFFICULT THING YOU'VE GOT TO DO! WILL YOU LET ME TELL CHAPPY?

NO, KIP! I MADE THE DECISION AND IT'S MY PLACE TO TELL HIM--I'LL RIDE OUT TO THE RANGE RIGHT NOW!

I WAS HALFWAY TO THE RANGE WHEN A SUDDEN SENSE OF DREAD AND FOREBODING SEIZED ME...

THOSE MEN! WHY ARE THEY RIDING SO SLOWLY? SOMETHING'S HAPPENED, I JUST KNOW IT--SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED!

MY PREMONITION WAS RIGHT! IT WAS CHAPPY!

CHAPPY! OH, PLEASE TELL ME...IS HE...?

NO, SUE! HE ISN'T DEAD BUT HE'S INJURED BAD! HIS LEFT ARM IS CRUSHED TO A PULP... GORED BY A STEER WHEN HE FELL FROM HIS HORSE!

THEY AMPUTATED THE ARM WHILE KIP AND I SAT WAITING OUTSIDE...EACH WRAPPED IN OUR OWN THOUGHTS AND YET KNOWING IN OUR HEARTS WHAT THOSE THOUGHTS WERE...

KIP, YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME, DARLING--YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE ME STRENGTH TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT WILL EFFECT BOTH OF US!

I KNOW, SUE...I KNOW! DON'T THINK MY MIND HASN'T BEEN PLUMB TORTURED BY THE SAME THOUGHTS! IT'S CHAPPY, ISN'T IT, SUE?

YES, KIP, IT'S CHAPPY! HOW CAN I TELL HIM? I JUST CAN'T...I CAN'T! I CAN'T TELL HIM ABOUT US, BUT I'VE GOT TO TELL HIM SOMETHING!

YOU'RE A GROWN WOMAN, SUE--NO MAN CAN MAKE DECISIONS FOR YOU! BUT WHATEVER YOU DECIDE WILL BE GOOD FOR US...I KNOW IT WILL!

MY MIND WAS MADE UP! IT WAS THE ONLY THING I COULD DO, AND I WENT IN TO SEE POOR CHAPPY...

CHAPPY, I'VE MADE UP MY MIND ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS! I LOVE YOU, CHAPPY--I WANT YOU TO GET WELL REAL SOON!

THANKS, SUE! I'LL GET WELL--ANY MAN IN THE WORLD WOULD GET WELL HEARING THOSE WORDS FROM YOU!

I HID MY CRUSHED SPIRITS BENEATH A MASK OF PLACIDITY AS THE DAY OF MY MARRIAGE TO CHAPPY APPROACHED--A MARRIAGE I, MYSELF, HAD CHOSEN!

YOU'RE MIGHTY GLUM FOR A GAL ABOUT TO BE MARRIED, SUE! MAYBE A RIDE THROUGH LOVER'S GULCH WILL HELP YOU A BIT!

I DON'T NEED CHEERING UP, CHAPPY! I'LL BE GLAD WHEN ALL THIS STRAIN AND ENDLESS PREPARATION IS OVER! LET'S RIDE!

WE RODE, AND I WATCHED A STRANGE SMILE FLICKER ACROSS HIS LIPS... A SMILE OF INFINITE WISDOM AND IRON DETERMINATION!

THAT STRANGE, KNOWING SMILE... DOES HE KNOW? DOES HE SUSPECT THE TRUTH? IS THERE SOME SIXTH SENSE TELLING HIM THAT I DON'T LOVE HIM IN THE SAME WAY I LOVE KIP?

SUDDENLY THE WHINING CRACK OF A WINCHESTER SHATTERED MY THOUGHTS...

CHAPPY, LOOK OUT! IT'S BARTON--BEHIND THAT ROCK!

I BEEN EXPECTIN' HIM, SUE--GET BACK TO THE RANCH AT ONCE!

BANG!

I WHEELED MY HORSE AS BARTON CAME STAGGERING OUT FROM BEHIND A ROCK IN A DRUNKEN RAGE...

I'M GONNA GUN YOU, CALDWELL--I'M GONNA KILL YOU AND THEN I'LL HAVE A CLEAR FIELD WITH YOUR GAL!

GET OUT OF HERE, SUE... HE'S CRAZY DRUNK!

I STARTED FOR THE RANCH BUT MET KIP GALLOPING TOWARD ME WHEN I WAS HALFWAY THERE...

KIP!...KIP! BARTON AMBUSHED CHAPPY IN LOVER'S GULCH! HE'S INSANE DRUNK AND BENT ON MURDER!

WH...?? CHAPPY HASN'T A CHANCE WITH JUST ONE ARM AGAINST THAT SNAKE! GET BACK TO THE RANCH, SUE--I'M HEADIN' FOR THE GULCH!

I GALLOPED AFTER HIM, DREADING THE SIGHT WHICH I MUST SURELY SEE!

I'M GONNA...KILL... YOU... CALDWELL!

KIP! STOP HIM BEFORE HE REACHES CHAPPY!

YOU MURDERING COYOTE, YOU'VE GOT ANOTHER CALDWELL ON YOUR HANDS THIS TIME!
I'LL GET YOU TOO!
HE'S REACHING FOR HIS GUN, KIP!
LET HIM REACH! IT'LL BE THE LAST DRAW HE'LL EVER MAKE!
BANG!
BANG!
I HELD CHAPPY'S HEAD IN MY LAP, STROKING HIS HAIR, PRAYING HE WOULD LIVE, LOOKING AT HIS BELOVED FACE AND REMEMBERING HIM AS A CHILD!
THE FIELD'S...CLEAR, SUE! KIP'S YOUR MAN...(COUGH... COUGH!) I JUST HAD TO GET BARTON OUT OF THE WAY...SOMEHOW! THIS WAS THE WAY!
OH, CHAPPY DARLING! DID YOU KNOW? DID YOU REALLY KNOW?
THAT KNOWING SMILE REVEALED EVERYTHING! I WATCHED THE LIFE EBB OUT OF HIM AND SENSED THE DEEP DEVOTION AND LOVE HE FELT FOR US...
SURE I KNEW, SUE! I KNEW IT WAY BACK WHEN I WAS A KID! YOU'VE BOTH MADE ME HAPPY--AND I'M HAPPY FOR BOTH OF YOU!
CHAPPY... CHAPPY, WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU? DON'T GO, CHAPPY!
THE SUN DIPPED BEHIND THE HORIZON AS WE RODE BACK TO THE RANCH, OUR HEARTS TORN BY EMOTION, NUMBED BY THE TRAGEDY WHICH HAD BROUGHT US TOGETHER AGAIN!
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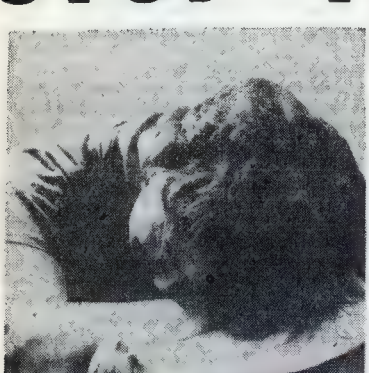

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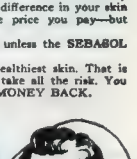

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mingville mean to Judy Houston. She's been around."

I felt miserable after Jeff had left. Why didn't I tell him that I didn't want life to go on this way? Why was I so weak with Jeff? The answer was simple. I was in love, so much in love that I'd let Jeff twist me and turn me as long as we were together. It was as Peg had said: any girl was a fool to fall for Jeff!

The summer slipped by and I saw less and less of Jeff, and I was crawling slowly into a shell of bitterness. But when Jeff would call, my bitterness faded, and I'd consent to meet him. He seemed attentive enough when we were together, but I felt that his mind was elsewhere—maybe on Judy.

One Saturday evening I received a telephone call from Jeff breaking a date, and although I had said it was all right, I regretted it as soon as I placed the receiver on the hook. I was feeling desperate. If Jeff would just include me once on these visits to the Houstons, it would have eased the blow of his breaking dates and edging slowly out of my life, but he hadn't. I had been kept in the background as if he were ashamed of me. The time had come for a showdown.

It was a short walk over to the Adams house, and I debated several times whether to turn back and wait for Jeff to take the first step, but something called "self-respect" urged me on. I was surprised I had enough "self-respect" left, since Jeff had crushed so much of it out of me.

When I reached the front steps, I heard his voice. He sounded angry. I heard Peg's voice too, and for a moment I paused to listen to what they were saying. When I heard my name mentioned, I froze to the spot.

"What can she do for me?" I heard Jeff ask. "I'd be a fool to pass up Judy Houston for *her!*"

"Well, then, tell her, Jeff! Don't let her go on dreaming that someday you will marry her!" Peg said.

"I'll do it my own way, like I've always done," Jeff said with scorn. "If it makes that kid feel happy at the thought of my marrying her, why break the illusion for a while? And besides, I have to be careful. Her father is a respected man in the community, you know. If I toss over his daughter lightly for Judy Houston, there will be gossip."

"You'll never change, Jeff," Peg said in disgust. "Ever since we were kids, you've stepped on people to get what you want."

"That's the only way to get on," he said with a sneer. "I'm going to ask Judy to marry me tonight."

It was an effort to move my legs, but I managed to walk calmly off the Adams porch toward home. I wanted to cry, but no tears came. Jeff had been using me for his campaign to rise to the top—I had been a stepping stone! That had been the love story of Jeff and me. There was nothing to my dreams now, except bitter memories, and when I thought of the past, I felt sick. All of the love I felt for Jeff turned to a deep hate, and I longed to do something to fight back. I wanted to hurt him the way he was hurting me!

No human being has a right to tear the heart out of another for his own selfish ends, I kept saying to myself. And finally when the tears did come, that was the only thought I held firmly in my mind. Any girl was a fool to fall for Jeff Adams because she'd be blind to his selfishness and hungry ambition, just as I had been blinded by a childhood dream of having Jeff for my own.

Later that night I pulled myself together and came down to join my family for dinner. I picked at my food disinterestedly and was about to excuse myself from the table when Dad said, "Hoover Houston called me today."

There was a short silence and I sat down again in my chair.

"He did?" I asked.

"Yes, it seems that he wants his daughter out of the country tonight, and wanted me to rush passport papers through my friends in Washington," he said, keeping his eyes on his plate.

"Passport papers?" I said.

"Yes," Dad said. "It seems that Hoover didn't like her tennis companion for the summer, and wants Judy in England as soon as possible."

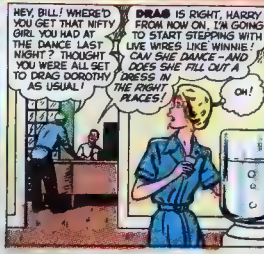
"Has she gone?" I asked.

"Yes," he said. "She left town this morning."

I looked at Dad for a moment and saw him smile. I knew that he understood and had known all along what Jeff really was. I guess everyone did except me, and I had to learn the hard way. My childhood dream was shattered, but now I'm no longer a child!

THE END

OH, STOP WORRYING, MOM! I'M SO TIRED, I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE DANCE ANYWAY, EVEN IF BILL HAD ASKED ME!
NONSENSE, DOROTHY! I JUST WISH YOU'D STOP LOOKING AND ACTING LIKE A SICK KITTEN! WHY, WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...


HEY, BILL! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT NIFTY GIRL YOU HAD AT THE DANCE LAST NIGHT? THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL SET TO DRAG DOROTHY AS USUAL!
DRAG IS RIGHT, HARRY! FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO START STEPPING WITH LIVE WIRES LIKE WINNIE! CAN SHE DANCE—AND DOES SHE FILL OUT A DRESS IN THE RIGHT PLACES!
OH!

SOB! SOB! I CAN'T STAND MORNING HERE! NOT ANOTHER HOUR, MISS SUMMONS! I'D RATHER DIE!
RUNNING AWAY WON'T HELP, DOROTHY, BUT THIS "MINI-GYM" AD WILL! SEE, YOU GET YOUR MONEY BACK IF IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE PEP AND PERSONALITY TO MAKE GOOD HERE! YES, AND WITH BILL, TOO!
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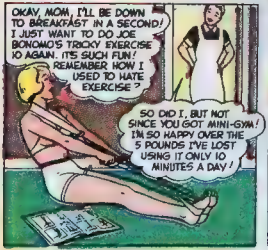
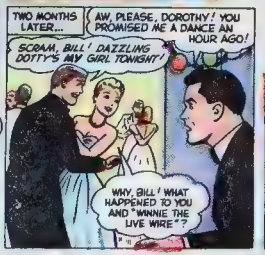
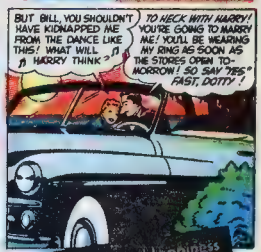

OKAY, MOM, I'LL BE DOWN TO BREAKFAST IN A SECOND! I JUST WANT TO DO JOE BONOMO'S TRICKY EXERCISE 10 AGAIN. ITS SUCH FUN! REMEMBER HOW I USED TO HATE EXERCISE?
SO DID I, BUT NOT SINCE YOU GOT MINI-GYM! I'M SO HAPPY OVER THE 5 POUNDS I'VE LOST USING IT ONLY 10 MINUTES A DAY!


TWO MONTHS LATER...
AW, PLEASE, DOROTHY! YOU PROMISED ME A DANCE AN HOUR AGO!
SCRAM, BILL! DAZZLING DOTTY'S MY GIRL TONIGHT!
WHY, BILL! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND "WINNIE THE LIVE WIRE"?


BUT BILL, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KIDNAPPED ME FROM THE DANCE LIKE THIS! WHAT WILL HARRY THINK?
TO HECK WITH HARRY! YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME! YOU'LL BE WEARING MY RING AS SOON AS THE STORES OPEN TOMORROW! SO SAY "YES," FAST, DOTTY!

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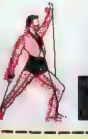

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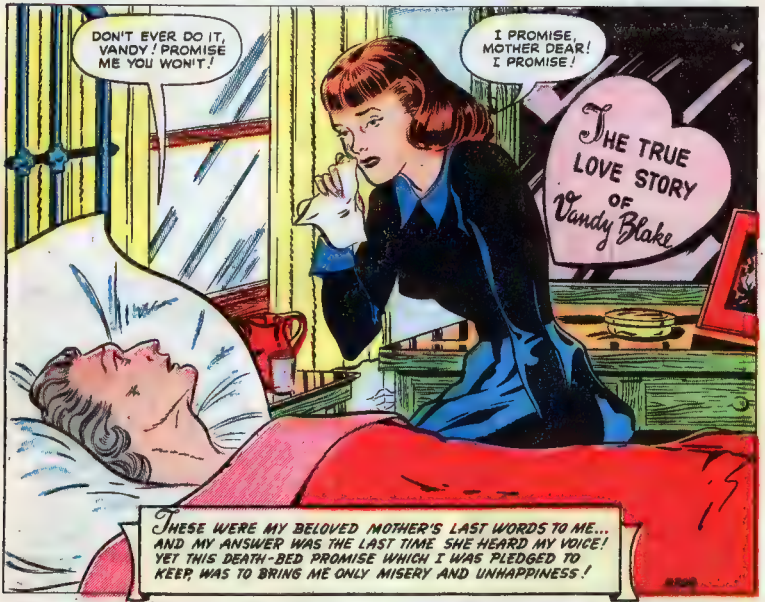
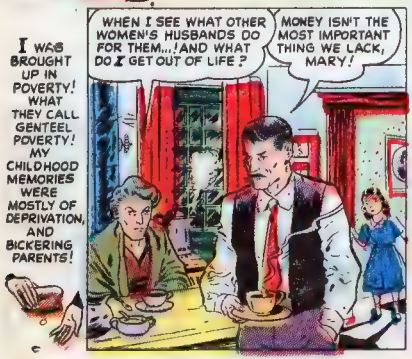
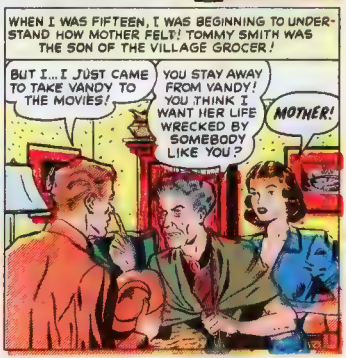

DON'T EVER DO IT, VANDY! PROMISE ME YOU WON'T!
I PROMISE, MOTHER DEAR! I PROMISE!
THE TRUE LOVE STORY OF Vandy Blake
THESE WERE MY BELOVED MOTHER'S LAST WORDS TO ME... AND MY ANSWER WAS THE LAST TIME SHE HEARD MY VOICE! YET THIS DEATH-BED PROMISE WHICH I WAS PLEDGED TO KEEP, WAS TO BRING ME ONLY MISERY AND UNHAPPINESS!


I WAS BROUGHT UP IN POVERTY! WHAT THEY CALL GENTEEL POVERTY! MY CHILDHOOD MEMORIES WERE MOSTLY OF DEPRIVATION, AND BICKERING PARENTS!
WHEN I SEE WHAT OTHER WOMEN'S HUSBANDS DO FOR THEM...! AND WHAT DO I GET OUT OF LIFE?
MONEY ISN'T THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE LACK, MARY!


WHEN I WAS FIFTEEN, I WAS BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND HOW MOTHER FELT! TOMMY SMITH WAS THE SON OF THE VILLAGE GROCER!
BUT I... I JUST CAME TO TAKE VANDY TO THE MOVIES!
YOU STAY AWAY FROM VANDY! YOU THINK I WANT HER LIFE WRECKED BY SOMEBODY LIKE YOU?
MOTHER!

FATHER DIED WHEN I WAS SIXTEEN, AND A FEW MONTHS LATER MOTHER FOLLOWED HIM AND I WAS LEFT AN ORPHAN! THAT WAS THE DAY I MADE THE VOW! IT SEEMED SO LOGICAL, SO RIGHT!

DON'T EVER MARRY A POOR MAN, VANDY! DON'T LET YOU LIFE BE WRECKED, AS MINE WAS! PROMISE ME YOU WON'T!

I WON'T, MOTHER DEAR! I PROMISE!

I MEANT TO LIVE UP TO THAT PROMISE! I NEVER HAD ANY OTHER IDEA! AT EIGHTEEN I HAD A STENOGRAPHIC JOB IN THE NEARBY CITY! A GIRL NAMED JANICE RANCE AND I HAD A TINY APARTMENT! MARRIAGE, OF COURSE, WAS OUR MAIN THOUGHT!

... AND TONIGHT WE'RE GOING TO CONEY ISLAND! PETE'S JUST WONDERFUL, VANDY!

A CLERK IN THE STOCK ROOM! SWELL, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE AFTER! NOT FOR ME! I'VE HAD EIGHTEEN YEARS OF POVERTY ALREADY!

'NITE, VANDY! SAY, WHY DON'T WE HAVE A DOUBLE DATE SOMETIME? I'VE GOT A FRIEND, HAL STEVENS... I TOLD HIM ABOUT YOU AN' HE SAYS OKAY! HE'D LIKE TO MEET YOU!

WHY... ER..., THANKS, PETE! BUT I'M USUALLY PRETTY BUSY, YOU KNOW! THANKS, ANYWAY!

ANY FRIEND THAT A STOCK CLERK COULD DIG UP, CERTAINLY WAS NOT FOR ME! I MET THIS HAL STEVENS ONE AFTERNOON, WHEN HE CAME TO THE OFFICE WITH PETE! HE WAS A STRUGGLING YOUNG ARTIST, APPARENTLY STARVING IN A GARRET!

THIS IS HAL STEVENS, VANDY! WE'RE GOING TO DINNER AND THE MOVIES... LOOK, LET'S MAKE IT A FOURSOME! COME ON WITH US, VANDY!

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, I REALLY CAN'T TONIGHT!

WELL, SOME OTHER TIME, PERHAPS!

I DID HAVE ANOTHER DATE FOR THAT EVENING! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I ALWAYS HAD LOTS OF DATES... AND WITH WEALTHY MEN! THERE WAS, HOWEVER, ONE DRAWBACK... THEY WERE NEITHER YOUNG... NOR HANDSOME!

HERE'S TO VANDY! ALL MY LIFE I'VE WAITED FOR SOMEONE AS CHARMING... AND NOW, HERE SHE IS!

WHY, THANK YOU, JOHN...

SOON AFTER THAT, JANICE GOT ENGAGED TO PETE! THE PROSPECT OF BREAKING UP OUR LITTLE APARTMENT, WHICH I COULDN'T SUPPORT MYSELF, SEEMED TO CRYSTALLIZE MY DECISION OF WHAT I SHOULD DO! I COULD MARRY... AND FOR PLENTY TOO... WHENEVER I LIKED! I FACED IT THAT EVENING!

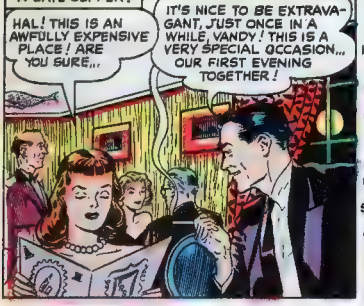
YOU THINK ABOUT IT, MY DEAR! I'M SURE I COULD MAKE YOU HAPPY!

YOU'RE SO SWEET, JOHN! I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY! I'LL LET YOU KNOW!

AN OLD MAN'S DARLING! YOU KNOW THAT ANGLE, OF COURSE! I TOLD MYSELF THAT WHAT I WAS REALLY LOOKING FOR, DIDN'T EXIST! AND MEMORY OF MY MOTHER SEEMED TO BE URGING ME!

AT THAT MOMENT THE TELEPHONE RANG! I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS JOHN, CALLING TO GET HIS ANSWER! BUT IT WASN'T!

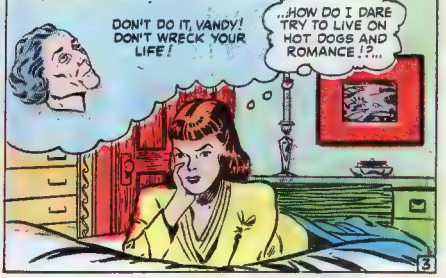
IT SEEMED SUDDENLY LIKE A DELIVERANCE! THAT DRIVE UP INTO THE MOONLIT HILLS, WITH HAL, WAS ENCHANTED! WE STOPPED AT A LITTLE PLACE FOR A LATE SUPPER!


HAL! THIS IS AN AWFULLY EXPENSIVE PLACE! ARE YOU SURE...
IT'S NICE TO BE EXTRAVAGANT, JUST ONCE IN A WHILE, VANDY! THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION... OUR FIRST EVENING TOGETHER!

IT WAS THE FIRST OF MANY! OF COURSE WE NEVER SPENT MUCH MONEY, BUT EVEN HOT DOGS AT A LUNCH COUNTER WERE TRANSFIGURED, GLORIFIED WHEN I WAS WITH HAL! I HARDLY THOUGHT OF WHERE I WAS HEADING, YET SUBCONSCIOUSLY I KNEW, OF COURSE, THAT WE WERE FALLING IN LOVE!

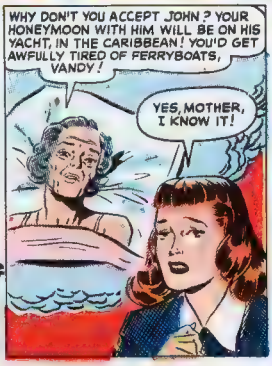
GOODNIGHT, VANDY DEAR! AND THANK YOU FOR THE HAPPIEST EVENING I'VE EVER HAD!
IT'S BEEN THAT FOR ME, TOO! GOODNIGHT, HAL... UNTIL TOMORROW!

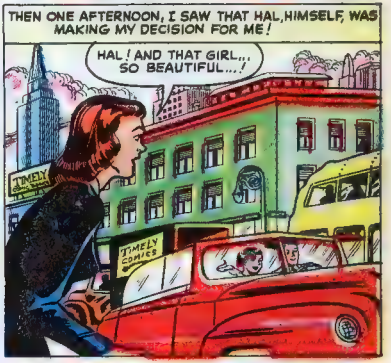
THAT WAS THE NIGHT JANICE AND PETE ELOPED... WITH TWO WEEKS VACATION FROM THEIR JOBS, AND JUST ENOUGH MONEY SAVED TO DRIVE AROUND IN A DILAPIDATED JALOPY! SOMEHOW THE THOUGHT OF THAT WAS SOBERING! AND MY VISION OF MOTHER WARNED ME!



I WANTED TO PLAY SQUARE WITH HAL! I TOLD HIM, THAT NEXT EVENING!
NO, HAL! YOU...YOU MIGHT AS WELL REALIZE IT! I...COULDN'T EVER MARRY YOU!
VANDY! VANDY DEAR!

FOR A WEEK OR MORE I DIDN'T SEE HIM! MY LIFE WAS A VOID, A MISERABLE, ANGUISHED EMPTINESS! AND IT WAS AS THOUGH I WERE A BATTLE-GROUND OF WARRING EMOTIONS!


WHY DON'T YOU ACCEPT JOHN? YOUR HONEYMOON WITH HIM WILL BE ON HIS YACHT, IN THE CARIBBEAN! YOU'D GET AWFULLY TIRED OF FERRYBOATS, VANDY!
YES, MOTHER, I KNOW IT!


THEN ONE AFTERNOON, I SAW THAT HAL, HIMSELF, WAS MAKING MY DECISION FOR ME!
HAL! AND THAT GIRL... SO BEAUTIFUL...!
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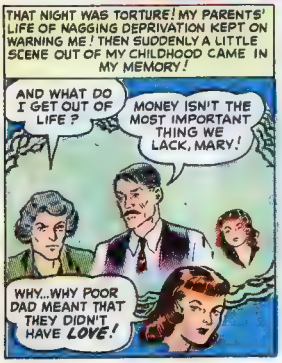
THAT NIGHT WAS TORTURE! MY PARENTS' LIFE OF NAGGING DEPRIVATION KEPT ON WARNING ME! THEN SUDDENLY A LITTLE SCENE OUT OF MY CHILDHOOD CAME IN MY MEMORY!
AND WHAT DO I GET OUT OF LIFE?
MONEY ISN'T THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE LACK, MARY!
WHY...WHY POOR DAD MEANT THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE LOVE!

I SAW IT THEN, SO CLEARLY! WITHOUT LOVE, MOTHER AND DAD NEVER COULD HAVE HAD HAPPINESS! I PHONED HAL! I WENT OUT WITH HIM THAT NEXT EVENING! I DIDN'T CARE HOW I HUMBLED MYSELF, I ONLY WANTED TO TELL HIM THAT AT LAST I KNEW THE TRUE VALUES OF THE THINGS LIFE CAN GIVE YOU!

I...I WAS ALL WRONG! I KNOW NOW YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE LOVE, AND IT'S THE MAIN THING, THE ONLY IMPORTANT THING!
VANDY! YOU DO LOVE ME? YOU REALIZE IT NOW?

I LOVED YOU RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING, VANDY! AND I GUESS I'VE GOT LITTLE CONFESSION OF MY OWN TO MAKE!
CONFESSION, HAL?
JANICE TOLD ME HOW YOU FELT ABOUT MARRYING FOR MONEY! HOW YOUR MOTHER HAD BROUGHT YOU UP TO FEEL THAT WAY! SO, DON'T YOU SEE, DEAR, I HAD TO PRETEND TO BE POVERTY-STRICKEN, OR I NEVER COULD HAVE KNOWN WHETHER YOU LOVED ME OR NOT! YOU NEVER COULD HAVE KNOWN EITHER!
WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU'RE NOT?...
NOT EXACTLY A STRUGGLING ARTIST STARVING IN A GARRET! OH, I'M NOT RICH... YET! MAYBE I'M JUST LUCKY! A LOT OF WEALTHY OLD DOWAGERS SEEM TO WANT ME TO PAINT THEIR PORTRAITS! THE PROSPECTS LOOK PRETTY GOOD, VANDY! ANYWAY, WE WON'T HAVE TO LIVE ON HOT DOGS... NOT EXCLUSIVELY!
AND THAT EXPENSIVELY DRESSED, BEAUTIFUL GIRL I HAD SEEN WITH HIM WAS HIS SISTER, WHO LIVED WITH THEIR MOTHER IN CHICAGO!
OH, HAL, I'M SO GLAD I THOUGHT ONLY OF HOT DOGS AND FERRY-BOATS, AND STILL KNEW I LOVED YOU!
SO AM I, DARLING!
HERE'S WHERE I WORK, VANDY! LOOK... THIS ONE... SHE'S SILLY ENOUGH TO PAY ME EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR IT! NICE, EH? AND WITH YOUR LOVE TO CHEER ME ON, I'LL DO BETTER WORK AND PRETTY SOON I'LL HOLD 'EM UP FOR SIXTEEN HUNDRED!
IT'S MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS NOW SINCE I BROKE THAT FOOLISH VOW! HAL IS DOING VERY WELL, AND THAT'S NICE, OF COURSE! BUT WE STARTED WITH THE ONE THING YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE... LOVE! WITHOUT IT WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ANYTHING!
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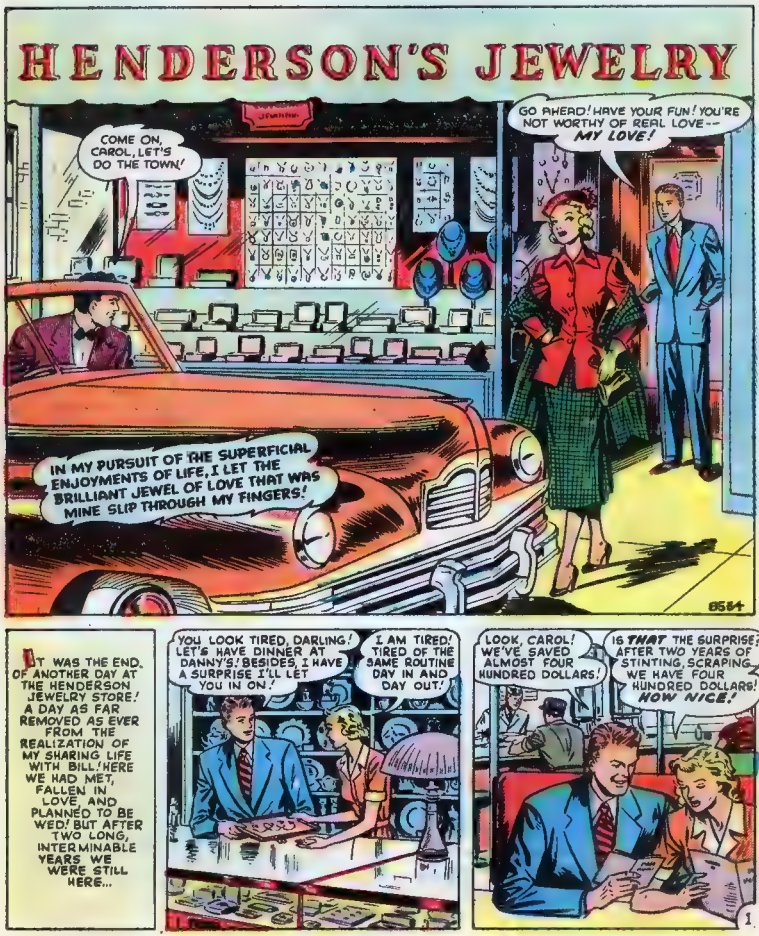
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COME ON, CAROL, LET'S DO THE TOWN!
GO AHEAD! HAVE YOUR FUN! YOU'RE NOT WORTHY OF REAL LOVE -- MY LOVE!
IN MY PURSUIT OF THE SUPERFICIAL ENJOYMENTS OF LIFE, I LET THE BRILLIANT JEWEL OF LOVE THAT WAS MINE SLIP THROUGH MY FINGERS!
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IT WAS THE END OF ANOTHER DAY AT THE HENDERSON JEWELRY STORE! A DAY AS FAR REMOVED AS EVER FROM THE REALIZATION OF MY SHARING LIFE WITH BILL. HERE WE HAD MET, FALLEN IN LOVE AND PLANNED TO BE WED! BUT AFTER TWO LONG, INTERMINABLE YEARS WE WERE STILL HERE...
YOU LOOK TIRED, DARLING! LET'S HAVE DINNER AT DANNY'S! BESIDES, I HAVE A SURPRISE I'LL LET YOU IN ON!
I AM TIRED! TIRED OF THE SAME ROUTINE DAY IN AND DAY OUT!
LOOK, CAROL! WE'VE SAVED ALMOST FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS!
IS THAT THE SURPRISE? AFTER TWO YEARS OF STINTING, SCRAPING... WE HAVE FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS! HOW NICE!
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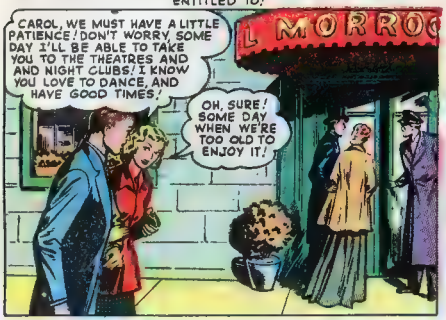
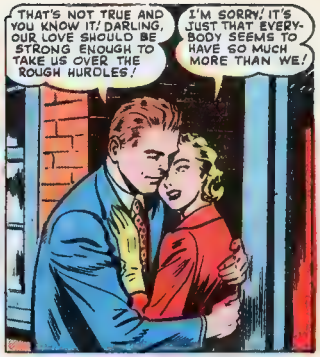
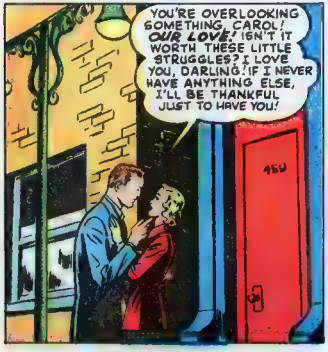
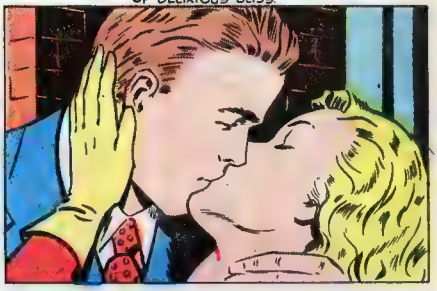
I LOVED BILL, BUT I WAS BEGINNING TO RESENT THE FACT THAT OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE WERE DENYING US THE FUN WE WERE ENTITLED TO!


CAROL, WE MUST HAVE A LITTLE PATIENCE! DON'T WORRY, SOME DAY I'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE YOU TO THE THEATRES AND AND NIGHT CLUBS! I KNOW YOU LOVE TO DANCE, AND HAVE GOOD TIMES!
OH, SURE! SOME DAY WHEN WE'RE TOO OLD TO ENJOY IT!

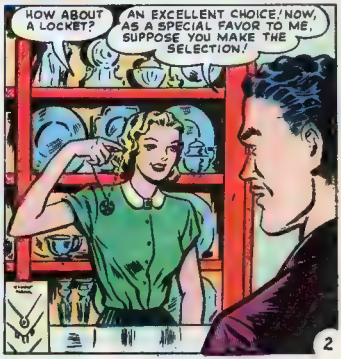

THAT'S NOT TRUE AND YOU KNOW IT! DARLING, OUR LOVE SHOULD BE STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE US OVER THE ROUGH HURDLES!
I'M SORRY! IT'S JUST THAT EVERYBODY SEEMS TO HAVE SO MUCH MORE THAN WE!

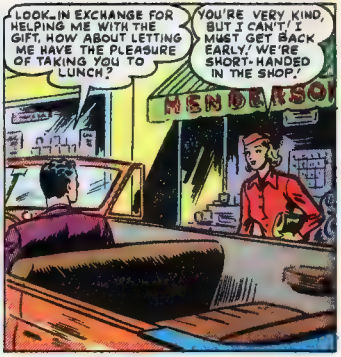

YOU'RE OVERLOOKING SOMETHING, CAROL! OUR LOVE! ISN'T IT WORTH THESE LITTLE STRUGGLES? I LOVE YOU, DARLING! IF I NEVER HAVE ANYTHING ELSE, I'LL BE THANKFUL JUST TO HAVE YOU!

THEN BILL WAS KISSING ME TENDERLY, LONGINGLY--AND THE ECSTACY OF THE MOMENT MADE ME FORGET EVERYTHING! WHEN I WAS IN BILL'S ARMS, HEAVEN CAME DOWN TO EARTH, AND I WAS WAFTED AWAY ON A CLOUDBANK OF DELIRIOUS BLISS!



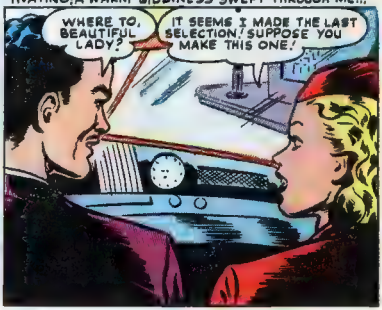
BUT THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS I MECHANICALLY WENT THROUGH THE ROUTINE OF WORK, MY RESENTMENT RETURNED! TOWARDS NOON, MY INTEREST WAS AROUSED BY THE APPEARANCE OF A HANDSOME MAN WHO HAD POLITELY REFUSED THE HELP OF THE OTHER CLERK, AND WAITED TILL I WAS FREE!



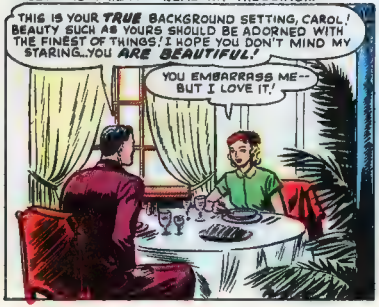

LOOK—IN EXCHANGE FOR HELPING ME WITH THE GIFT, HOW ABOUT LETTING ME HAVE THE PLEASURE OF TAKING YOU TO LUNCH?
YOU'RE VERY KIND, BUT I CAN'T! I MUST GET BACK EARLY! WE'RE SHORT-HANDED IN THE SHOP!
MENDELSO

BE A SPORT! WHY SHOULD TWO PEOPLE EAT ALONE WHEN THEY CAN EAT TOGETHER! I PROMISE NOT TO DELAY YOU!
ALL RIGHT, BUT I'LL KEEP YOU TO THAT PROMISE!

THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THE STRANGER'S HANDSOME FACE AND EASY SMILE THAT WAS CAPTIVATING! A WARM GIDDINESS SWEPT THROUGH ME...



WE HAD LUNCH AMID THE SURROUNDINGS I'D ALWAYS CHERISHED AND HOPED FOR! EVERTHING WAS THERE—THE GLEAMING SILVER, THE SMART SOCIAL SET—AS IF HE HAD READ MY THOUGHTS...


THIS IS YOUR TRUE BACKGROUND SETTING, CAROL! BEAUTY SUCH AS YOURS SHOULD BE ADORNED WITH THE FINEST OF THINGS! I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY STARING...YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL!
YOU EMBARRASS ME—BUT I LOVE IT!

AS WE LEFT I SENSED HE WAS GOING TO ASK FOR A DATE THAT EVENING, AND I WANTED TO ACCEPT! IT KNEW IT WOULD BE AN EVENING TO REMEMBER—SO DIFFERENT FROM THE TAWDRY ENTERTAINMENT BILL AND I HAD BEEN SHARING!

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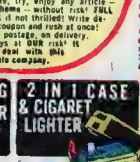

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THINK I HAD FORGOTTEN YOU? HARDLY! BESIDES, THE KID SISTER WAS SO HAPPY ABOUT THE LOCKET, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DISPLAY YOUR TASTE AGAIN!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN! WHAT IS OUR JEWELRY PROBLEM THIS TIME?

HE TOOK SOME TIME TO MAKE HIS PURCHASE, BUT I DIDN'T MIND! I LIKED TALKING TO HIM, HE SHOWED SUCH GENUINE INTEREST IN ME, MY WORK AND THE SHOP! THE VITAL CURIOSITY THAT SPRANG FROM HIM WAS PART OF HIS ATTRACTIVE PERSONALITY...

LET'S SETTLE FOR THIS BRACELET! NOW THAT I'VE TAKEN ALL YOUR TIME, SUPPOSE I HELP YOU CLOSE UP, AND WE'LL HAVE DINNER AT THE BEST PLACE IN TOWN!

YOU HAVE YOURSELF A DATE! I'M A BIT TIRED, AND JUST DON'T FEEL UP TO PLAYING CHEF TONIGHT!

I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN ON YOUR FEET ALL DAY, AND I SHOULDN'T ASK YOU TO DANCE SO OFTEN, BUT YOU'RE SO NICE TO HOLD, CAROL! FORGIVE MY SELFISHNESS!

I COULD DANCE ALL EVENING, CLYDE!

AFTER BILL RETURNED FROM HIS TRIP, I CONTINUED TO SEE CLYDE! SOMEHOW, I HAD NO COMPUNCTIONS AT WHAT I WAS DOING! EXCUSES CAME EASILY WHEN BILL ASKED TO TAKE ME HOME...

WHAT HAS HAPPENED, CAROL? HAVE I DONE SOMETHING TO DISPLEASE YOU? COME ON, HONEY, LET'S GO OUT AND HAVE DINNER AT DANNY'S.

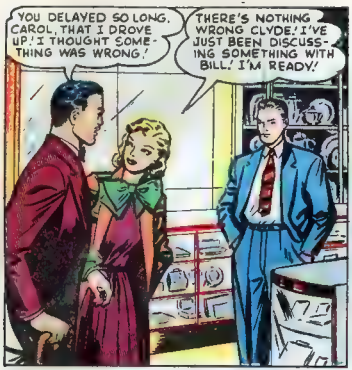
OH, BILL, I CAN'T TONIGHT! I PROMISED...

DON'T LIE TO ME AGAIN, CAROL! I'VE KNOWN THE REASON FOR YOUR EXCUSES, BUT I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT COME TO YOUR SENSES BEFORE NOW!

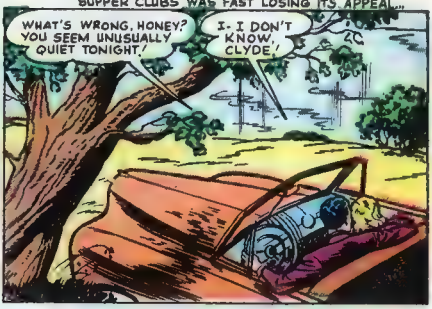
I HAVE COME TO MY SENSES! YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GIVE ME THE THINGS I WANT, BILL! WE'LL GO THROUGH LIFE SCRAPPING, STRUGGLING... AND FOR ***WHAT?***

I KNOW IT'S TOUGH, DARLING! LET'S NOT QUARREL! LET'S DISCUSS THIS SENSIBLY!

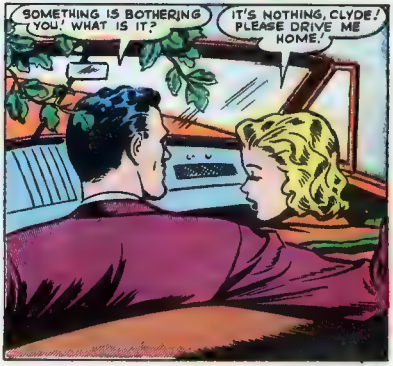
THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO DISCUSS! YOU'RE SELFISH, BILL! YOU REFUSE TO LET ME HAVE A FEW NIGHTS OF PLEASURE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T AFFORD THEM!


YOU DELAYED SO LONG, CAROL, THAT I DROVE UP! I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS WRONG!
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG CLYDE! I'VE JUST BEEN DISCUSSING SOMETHING WITH BILL! I'M READY!

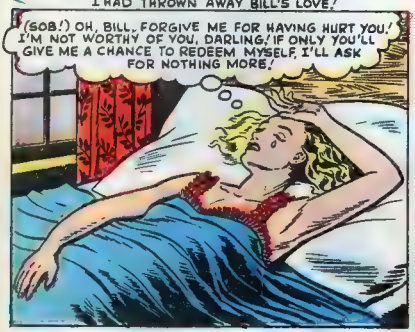
NOW THAT I HAD COMPLETELY ACCEPTED CLYDE, HE WAS A CONSTANT VISITOR AT THE SHOP! HE WOULD SPENT HOURS BROWSING AROUND--SAID IT WAS AN EXCUSE TO BE NEAR ME! AS THE DAYS WENT BY THE GLITTER OF THE SMART SUPPER CLUBS WAS FAST LOSING ITS APPEAL...



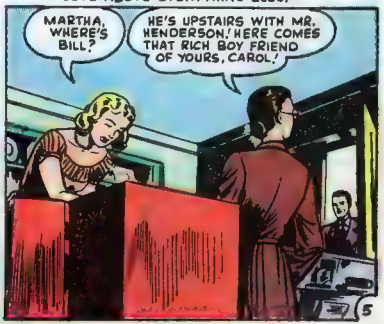
BEFORE I KNEW IT, CLYDE HAD SWEPT ME INTO HIS ARMS, HIS LIPS HUNGRILY SEARCHING MINE! I RETURNED THE KISS ONLY TO FIND THAT MY HEART CRIED OUT FOR BILL!

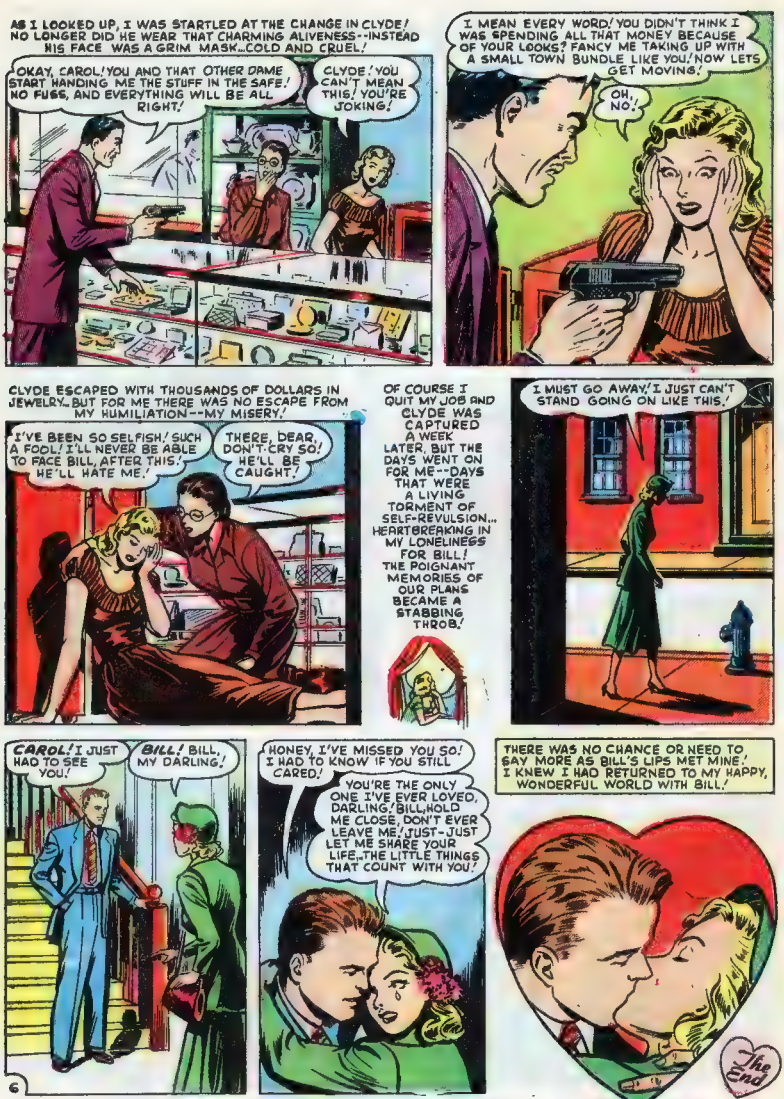


THE NIGHT HELD NO SLEEP FOR ME! I KNEW WHAT A FOOL I'D BEEN! FOR A FEW NIGHTS OF SUPERFICIAL HAPPINESS I HAD THROWN AWAY BILL'S LOVE!


(SOB!) OH, BILL, FORGIVE ME FOR HAVING HURT YOU! I'M NOT WORTHY OF YOU, DARLING! IF ONLY YOU'LL GIVE ME A CHANCE TO REDEEM MYSELF, I'LL ASK FOR NOTHING MORE!

THE NEXT MORNING I WAS DETERMINED TO BEG BILL'S FORGIVENESS, TO TELL HIM I CHERISHED HIS LOVE ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE!




AS I LOOKED UP, I WAS STARTLED AT THE CHANGE IN CLYDE! NO LONGER DID HE WEAR THAT CHARMING ALIVENESS--INSTEAD HIS FACE WAS A GRIM MASK..COLD AND CRUEL!
OKAY, CAROL! YOU AND THAT OTHER DAME START HANDING ME THE STUFF IN THE SAFE! NO FUSS, AND EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT!
CLYDE! YOU CAN'T MEAN THIS! YOU'RE JOKING!
I MEAN EVERY WORD! YOU DIDN'T THINK I WAS SPENDING ALL THAT MONEY BECAUSE OF YOUR LOOKS? FANCY ME TAKING UP WITH A SMALL TOWN BUNDLE LIKE YOU! NOW LETS GET MOVING!
OH, NO!
CLYDE ESCAPED WITH THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN JEWELRY.. BUT FOR ME THERE WAS NO ESCAPE FROM MY HUMILIATION--MY MISERY!
I'VE BEEN SO SELFISH! SUCH A FOOL! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FACE BILL, AFTER THIS! HE'LL HATE ME!
THERE, DEAR, DON'T CRY SO! HE'LL BE CAUGHT!
OF COURSE I QUIT MY JOB AND CLYDE WAS CAPTURED A WEEK LATER, BUT THE DAYS WENT ON FOR ME--DAYS THAT WERE A LIVING TORMENT OF SELF-REVULSION.. HEARTBREAKING IN MY LONELINESS FOR BILL! THE POIGNANT MEMORIES OF OUR PLANS BECAME A STABBING THROB!
I MUST GO AWAY! I JUST CAN'T STAND GOING ON LIKE THIS!
CAROL! I JUST HAD TO SEE YOU!
BILL! BILL, MY DARLING!
HONEY, I'VE MISSED YOU SO! I HAD TO KNOW IF YOU STILL CARED!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I'VE EVER LOVED, DARLING! BILL, HOLD ME CLOSE, DON'T EVER LEAVE ME! JUST--JUST LET ME SHARE YOUR LIFE..THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT WITH YOU!
THERE WAS NO CHANCE OR NEED TO SAY MORE AS BILL'S LIPS MET MINE! I KNEW I HAD RETURNED TO MY HAPPY, WONDERFUL WORLD WITH BILL!
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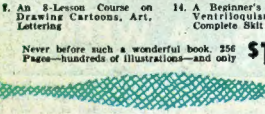

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